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In re Application of: Art Unit: 1761 Yoav BLATT et al. Examiner: Appln. No.: 09/935,050 Washington, D.C. Date Filed: August 23, 2001 Confirmation No. 7772 For: STABLE COATED January 31, 2002 MICROCAPSULES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. 1. 200 C. 1. Prior to any Action in this case, and an error having been discovered in setting forth a citation, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached version is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Please amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 21-25, as follows:

Islets of Langerhans, the cells producing the insulin in the pancreas, may be entrapped in an alginate